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To Whom It May Concern:

I write on behalf of student athlete, Isaiah Brock, seeking the NCAA to reconsider its decision to rule him ineligible. I urge the NCAA to grant Oakland University's reconsideration request by providing immediate competitive eligibility to Isaiah.

While I appreciate the initial steps taken by the NCAA to allow Isaiah to participate in team practices and receive athletics aid, these allowances fail to take the last four years of Isaiah's life into due consideration.

Isaiah is not the same high school student he was four years ago. He is a young man who has proven himself through his honorable service to his country and recent academic achievements. He served in the United States Army as a mortuary affairs specialist for the better part of four years. His experience serving in Kuwait and Afghanistan demonstrated that he has the maturity and focus to handle collegiate level coursework.

One of the most pleasurable aspects of my job is interacting with and serving our veterans on a frequent basis. It is evident to me that the responsibility and discipline imparted to young men and women through our Armed Forces, prepares them to take direction in a learning environment better than almost any other institution.

Again, I encourage the NCAA to fully reverse its decision ruling Isaiah Brock ineligible and grant him immediate competitive eligibility. Thank you for your consideration of my request. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Bishop
Member of Congress